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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants

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For

HUMAN MESENCEPHALON CELL LINES AND METHODS OF

USE THEREFOR

Examiner

Kris Pelham Mayo, D.V.M.

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Docket No.

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated December 13, 1999, please extend the period of time for response one month, to expire on February 13, 2000 (Sunday). Enclosed are a Petition for an Extension of Time and the requisite fee.

Applicants hereby elect Group 1, claims 1-15, 23 and 24, directed to methods for producing conditionally immortalized human mesencephalon neural precursor and clonal cell lines, methods using such cells to produce neurons, and neurons produced from such cells, for examination at this time.

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In view of the above election, Applicant hereby cancels claims 16-22 without prejudice to the filing of any divisional, continuation, or continuation-in-part application. Consideration of the elected claims is now requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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